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Organization Strategy: Talk it Out

Task: Talk about your claim and topic with a partner or two to help you discern the best order for your paragraphs.

Instructions:

1. Find one or two partners!
2. Use the graphic organizer below to record a conversation that will help guide you toward a logical order for the ideas / paragraphs in your argument writing.

Guiding Question	Partner's Response
Share your topic and your claim with your partner: My topic is _____ and I am arguing that _____.	
What do you already know about this? What is your current understanding of the context/ background of this topic?	
To understand my claim, what would you need to understand first?	
What questions do you have about this topic or my claim?	

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Of those questions, which do you think are the biggest or most important for understanding of the topic or my claim?	

3. Now, look at your partner's responses. Let's turn this conversation into a plan!

- Place a check mark beside any response that you have already planned to address in your argument writing.
- Look at any response from your partner that you had not yet planned for. Where might it fit best in your argument? Number these statements, beginning with #1 for the topic you will address first.
- Combine these responses, in order, with any outline or structure you already have to help put the your internal pieces in order.

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